

## FROM THE ISLAND EXCHANGES

### SAVE THE BOYS.

The whole territory is concerned over the spirit of insurrection manifested recently at the Boys' Industrial School at Waialeale, Oahu. Following the break for liberty of 54 of the boys in the institution early last week, five more escaped last Saturday evening, and the commissioners of the institution are agreed that the rebellion is still smoldering fiercely. As we stated last week, there is something badly wrong at Waialeale. The system of handling those youthful delinquents is obviously a mistaken one. And it is too serious a matter to be lightly passed over. The trouble must be largely in the personality of the superintendent, because he is the one who applies the personal element to whatever general regulations may be determined upon by the directing board. These commissioners can never satisfactorily run this reform school alone—the superintendent must always be the all-important factor for success or failure. It is clear that the present superintendent could well afford to send to the mainland, if necessary, for a trained man for this place, and to pay almost any salary to the right man. It isn't simply a case of giving unfortunate boys the chance and the help they deserve, but it is also the cold-blooded question of making these young delinquents assets or burdens to the community.—Maui News.

### FOR THE NEW LIHUE SCHOOL.

The plan for the new Lihue school is caught in the same box which delayed the construction of the building at Waimea, and unless something is done locally to extricate it from its predicament, the much-needed improvement may be held up for a long time to come. The item of \$40,000 for this building is included in an appropriation of \$62,000 for buildings throughout the Territory, of which amount only \$15,000 will become available at the end of each period of six months, beginning with next year. It will thus be two years before the last of the \$40,000 required for the local building will be available.

Superintendent Kinney has suggested that the county of Kauai advance such part of this money as may be necessary from its general fund in order that work on the Lihue building may proceed, and we are inclined to heartily endorse the proposal. Assuming that the building can be erected in 12 months, \$15,500 would have to be advanced for six months and \$15,500 for twelve months (approximate figures). That may seem like a large undertaking, but it can be done.

There should be no delay in the erection of this new building. It is desperately needed. The present quarters are wholly inadequate, and we consider that the legislature was remiss in its duty in not making its appropriation immediately available or in so planning that the money could have been obtained without delay, and in taking action as above indicated we feel certain that the supervisors will be generally and abundantly sustained.—Garden Island.

### BOOST THE MAUI COUNTY FAIR.

Everybody ought to get back of the Maui County Fair idea, and from present indications everybody will. Moreover, there is no reason why the fair should not be a great success. The county of Hawaii held its first fair last fall, and in spite of the fact that the weather in Hilo was not at all favorable, it proved to be one of the most satisfactory things ever undertaken on the Big Island. Maui can certainly do as well. Enthusiastic support has been promised by agriculturists of all branches represented on Maui. The plantations are interested, the pineapple men have promised to help, and enthusiasts in various minor branches are anxious to do their part. Maui is particularly fortunate in having as a resident the man who probably did more than any other one man to make the Hawaii fair a success—Mr. Fred A. Clowes, now connected with the Lahaina school. Mr. Clowes is enthusiastic over the matter, and if he can be persuaded to take the general directorship, the success of the undertaking would seem to be assured. But it will be up to every person in the county to do his part if the fair is to be the success that it should and can be.—Maui News.

### GOVERNOR PINKHAM'S SPEECH.

Governor Pinkham's stirring speech at the smoker of the Non-Commissioned Officers' Club of the National Guard at the Honolulu armory Monday night is worthy of more than a passing notice. In his usual concise, businesslike and lucid manner the governor emphasized the importance of preparedness for defense of the territory.

The old indolent, careless theory that these islands are immune from war and need no defense is exploded, a thing of the past. People have at last come to a realization of the fact that the possibility of an attack by a nation unfriendly to the United States is not excluded. As an integral part of the great North American republic our responsibilities have increased manifold, and with them our danger in remaining unprepared. As the outpost of the United States in the Pacific we have duties to perform that must not and cannot be shirked.—Maui Times.

### A BARBAROUS CUSTOM.

Through the recent mutiny at the Boys' Industrial school at Waialeale, Oahu, it was brought to light that six of the boys had been shackled with steel chains around their ankles to keep them from running away. Thus they were forced to hobble about as best they could.

No wonder the boys mutinied. Such barbarous treatment alone would have been sufficient reason. One would imagine they were hardened criminals of the worst type instead of young boys placed in the reform school for petty offenses. The moral effect of such cruelty borrowed from former ages may readily be imagined.

The members of the school commission and industrial board are to be commended for objecting to the boys being treated as wild and dangerous beasts and insisting upon the abolishment of such barbarous methods.—Maui Times.

Kauai has been asked to create what is known in Honolulu as a tonnage tax on imports "for the purpose of meeting any emergency requiring immediate financial assistance from the community as the result of an epidemic of a quarantinable disease." The idea is undoubtedly a good and important one in communities having direct contact by shipping with foreign countries. Kauai really, however, has nothing of the kind, vessels from foreign parts, destined for this island, calling first at Honolulu and passing quarantine there. But the scheme as a territorial proposition is excellent—a necessary one—and deserves the endorsement of Kauai and such support as we may reasonably be able to render.—Garden Island.

Waiohinu observed "Mark Twain" Day, November 30, with peculiar pride among all the villages of Hawaii because Samuel L. Clemens visited it in 1868 and old residents still remember his quaint humor and droll use of language. He also planted a monkey-pool tree there, and the "Mark Twain Tree," as it is now at least locally known, (and may be a place of historic pilgrimage in years to come) stands in the front yard of the Hon. Samuel Kaibane, supervisor-at-large for Hawaii county. It is said to be a particularly fine specimen.—Kohala Midget.

The Carnival poster is out and is certainly beautiful enough, as posters go, to please anyone. We cannot say that it is strikingly suggestive of Hawaii, except for the palms. It would do just as well for Seattle or Bar Harbor. The girl is not Hawaiian, except by a liberal stretch of fancy such as no sober man will court.—Kohala Midget.

## ARGENTINA MAY GIVE UP PLANS FOR CENTENARY

BUENOS AIRES.—Plans for the elaborate celebration next July of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Argentine Republic have been largely curtailed because of the world-crisis now prevailing, and it has even been suggested that the celebration be postponed for several years unless there is early relief from the general trade depression.

Congress has cut down considerably the sum of money which was deemed necessary to carry out the original plans, so there is little likelihood that the centenary of the constitution will be observed on such an elaborate scale as was the centenary of the war of independence, which was celebrated in May, 1910.

Although a gradual recovery in trade and commerce generally is noticed, and the prospects for the coming year are favorable, there is wide spread protest against drawing heavily from the national exchequer for any patriotic celebration at this time.

## AROUSED OVER CASE OF BRITISHER MADE TO FIGHT FOR KAISER

LONDON, England.—The English newspapers are aroused over the case of Dr. W. H. Wells, a former lecturer in the University of Munich, who has been conscripted for service in the German army. Dr. Wells is a graduate of Oxford and an Englishman by birth, but it appears that under the German law he accepted "compulsory" German citizenship when he accepted in 1909 a pension from the University of Munich. He is 33 years old.

English friends of Dr. Wells describe him as thoroughly British in sympathies and feeling. It is stated that German consular officials informed him in 1909 that his acceptance of the pension would make no difference to his status as a British citizen. When the war broke out he planned to return to England but was dissuaded by colleagues into remaining at his post.

## COLOGNE BURDENED WITH SUPPORTING WIVES OF MEN AT FRONT

COLOGNE, Germany.—The enormous burden of the war on Cologne is indicated by a recent report of the first mayor, who announces that between August, 1914, and October, 1915, the sum of 22,500,000 marks (\$5,500,000) have been paid by the municipality to the families of soldiers for their support.

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## LETTERS

### THE NAVY LEAGUE.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: It was with much interest I read in your issue of the 4th inst. the statement of J. Morton Riggs, issued to the public at large, relative to the objects and requirements of the Navy League. Mr. Riggs' preliminary explanation that membership in this league does not require active service in the army or navy will doubtless bring much relief to that large body of patriots who are ever enthusiastic to prepare for war so long as some one else is likely to be called upon to do the fighting. Mr. Riggs says: "Each person joining the league does so with the purpose of using every effort in their power to influence our government at Washington to pass such laws as will result in our having a navy and army of sufficient strength to resist all attempts at invasion by a foreign foe."

The scope of the above efforts, however, would seem to be somewhat limited by his further statement that "the members of this league believe in a navy of sufficient strength absolutely to insure this country against the possibility of ever being obliged to meet an armed force on its own soil." So that in view of their object, as thus explained, the organization of the army of which he speaks would seem to be a work of supererogation; and Governor Pinkham's recent prediction that every man must be prepared "to shoot or dig," would seem unfounded, since the operation of a navy will for little in the way of digging, at least, unless it be at the Panama canal, which still insists, most annoyingly, that it is terra firma (or infirma) and not an aqueous hyphen.

According to Mr. Riggs the Navy League was organized in 1901. I had understood that it was organized last June. Probably, however, I was mistaken, and that it was not organized at that time, but only reorganized. I am more inclined to think the latter correct, because many of the "wealthy and influential citizens" to whom Mr. Riggs refers as being among its members are persons who have acquired their wealth and influence by various forms of reorganization. At least this was their principal source of wealth until the outbreak of the present war. Since then their wealth has been largely augmented by disorganization. I refer to Col. Thompson, the president of the league, and to such prominent members as J. P. Morgan, Elbert H. Gary, Harry Payne Whitney, and others of like prominence in that industrial world whence come steel, powder, sharpshooters, motors and other necessities of "civilized" warfare.

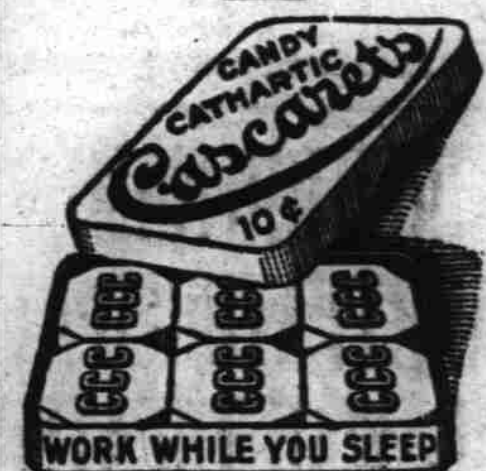
If then, the league was originally organized in 1901, why is it that in spite of this fact the country is utterly defenseless by sea, although during the intervening period something like a billion, five hundred million dollars has been spent on the navy, wrenched from the corrupt "port barrel" and contributed to the virtuous gun barrel, so to speak? If one billion and a half renders a country absolutely defenseless how many billions will render it absolutely immune to attack; the professed object of the league? (Kindly send solutions to editor, names in separate envelope.)

Not the least interesting portion of Mr. Riggs' statement of the "objects and requirements" of the league is the classification of membership fees, which range from \$2. for those whom he designates as the "most modest class of our supporters," who thus become entitled to shout "prepared-

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ness" for a period of one year, up to \$100 for those who thus acquire the honorable title of "Founders," with an embellished certificate evidencing that fact (and the \$100) to all the world. All alike, however, the "modest" and the immodest (if I may use this term) are enrolled as subscribers to the league's official organ, entitled The Seven Seas.

Far be it from me to attempt to dissuade any patriot from thus subscribing to the league and its organ, but in view of the league's earnest protest that, to use a paraphrase, it seeks "millions for defense but not one cent for aggression," let me here call attention to the following paragraph from a recent issue of the aforesaid Seven Seas.

"To adopt German standards of militarism would of course be impossible among Anglo-Saxons, but this does not minimize the fact that world empire is the only logical and natural aim for a nation that really desires to remain a nation."

W. H. SMITH.

Hilo, Hawaii, Dec. 6, 1915.

N. J. Lee was appointed general passenger agent of the New Haven Railroad with headquarters at New Haven. Nearly 20 families were made homeless when fire destroyed 10 business places and homes at Sorel, Quebec, a loss of \$250,000. The convent of the congregation of nuns was among the places destroyed.

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